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COKE PRODUCTION FALLS OFF DURING HOLIDAY WEEK BUT PRICES FIRM.

Christmas Lay-Off
Is General.RAILROADS
CRIPPLEDSomewhat by Heavy Snow-
Fall, but This Will Event-
ually Improve the
Water Supply.

Incidental to the observance of the Christmas holiday last week the decrease in the production of coke is noteworthy from the fact that it is one that is in entire harmony with the time that the plants were affected by the holiday. Therefore one may assume that the record of the year made the week previous was maintained by the operators, who lost only in a perfectly logical ratio with the amount of running time. They did not lose to an inordinate degree on account of it, nor did they run over the mark of production which some might have anticipated in the busy day, closing the year. The week previous saw the manufacture of 452,735 tons, and last week the turning out of a total tonnage of 374,554, a decrease of 78,181 tons.

The advent of winter, which came upon the schedule set by the almanac, was a cause of making the shipments probably less than they might otherwise have been, since there was a loss of 1370 cars from the number sent out of the region the week previous. But the coming of the snows was not altogether a hardship upon the operators. In it they saw a replenishing of the water supply, which held threats of becoming a very short one, if the heavens did not open up within a short time. The heavy snows made work slow about the ovens and mines the close of the week and had another effect of going toward a strengthening of prices, particularly for coke on prompt delivery. Winter's continuance holds out the probabilities of a marked shortage in cars, and the railroads early in winter's visit gave some operators to understand that they could not expect to get the car service of fair days.

From no viewpoint does the closing of the year cast any shadows on the picture of prosperity, which has been gradually growing during the year.

All the companies throughout the region arranged pay day to come before Christmas, so that the employees and their families had an ample holiday supply of cash, which was spent with a liberality that profitably affected all channels of trade throughout the region. The Union Supply Company made their annual holiday treat and sweet stuff by the tons was handed out, as it was also by some of the other operators on a smaller scale.

The Frick company reported all their works as being on the five day basis for the week, and this was the case with nearly all the other operators of the region. One day was dropped from the week throughout the region. This change in the number of ovens was but slight.

As remarked the presence of a heavy snowfall will affect the operations for this week, and throughout the region there were reports of slowness felt at some of the plants last week. The Penn Coke company of Uniontown reports their car supply during the week as being short, cash-hand in number of cars, while Superintendent D. L. Anstey of Archison works says that coal drawers are not plentiful.

The present snowbound conditions will result in a shortage of water at many plants, but operators feel that in this changeable climate a sudden thaw may come at any time, which would insure an ample amount of water for sometime to come.

SETTLING AFFAIRS

Of the Old Decker's Creek Lumber Company.

MORGANTOWN, Dec. 28.—Attorneys J. C. Galloway and Terence D. Stewart are in Parkersburg attending a meeting of the creditors of the Lick Run Lumber Company, the corporation that drifted into bankruptcy after operating a big saw mill plant at Lick Run on the Morgantown & Kingwood railroad under a lease secured from the Decker's Creek Lumber Company. The Lick Run company's affairs went into the bankruptcy court at the time Creed Collins' various enterprises were forced to the wall.

At the meeting the referee T. A. Brown, will enter an order, settling up the company's affairs by directing a final payment in accordance with the reports submitted to the referee. According to the list of assets the company will pay something in the neighborhood of 10 cents on the dollar, although it is likely that the figure will be under rather than above that amount.

FOUNDER IS DEAD.

Hon. Nelson Whitaker Who Started Iron Industry at Wheeling. WHEELING, Dec. 28.—Hon. Nelson Whitaker, aged 71, one of the founders of the iron business in this section and leading resident, died Tuesday night.

Mr. Whitaker came to Wheeling from Maryland when quite young and founded the Whitaker-Glessner Iron Company, of which he was president. He was also president of the Tyler Tube Company of Washington, Pa.; the Wheeling Corrugated Iron Company of this city and the Portsmouth Steel Company of Ohio.

Mr. Whitaker was a member of the House of Delegates in 1887 and served two terms in the State Senate. He was chairman of the West Virginia Commission at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis in 1904. He is survived by two sons, Harry C. and Albert C., and two married daughters, Mrs. Alex Glass and Mrs. Dwight Wagner.

GREENE COUNTY
VALUATION DOUBLE.The Assessors Are Putting
Higher Valuation on
the Minerals.

COMMISSIONERS WILL ADJUST

In Jefferson Township the Increase
in Valuation Over Three Years Ago
is Over Treble, in Wayne Town-
ship Double.

WAYNESBURG, Dec. 30.—The County Commissioners will meet this week when they will go over the accounts of the past year.

The most important task that will come before the Commissioners will be the adjusting of the assessed valuation placed on the Pittsburgh or river vein of coal by the assessors of the various townships. The majority of the assessors have completed their work. The assessors from the following districts have not made their report to the County Commissioners: Clarksville, Morris Run, Washington, Monongahela, Wayne, Gilmore, Richhill and Waynesburg borough, South Ward. Taking the figures of the reports that have been brought in already it is seen that they differ greatly as to the valuation on coal. It will be necessary for the County Commissioners to go over these books and adjust the valuation on the coal. In some townships the valuations will necessarily have to be raised while it is likely that in other townships it will be lowered.

The County Commissioners have all expressed themselves of the opinion that it will be necessary to raise the figures above those placed on the coal three years ago.

After the three men have gone over the coal they will then set a day for appeals when the owners of property can come before them and have matters adjusted where there is some mistake. W. C. Rush, the assessor of Jefferson township, has completed his work for this year. This township borders on the Monongahela river and is one of the wealthiest districts in the county. The valuation of its real estate has almost trebled during the past three years but as in other townships this increase has been due to the advance made in the value of the coal in the township.

Mr. Rush assessed the coal this year at \$200 per acre while three years ago the black diamonds were valued at only \$70 per acre. Several coal sales have been made in the township during the past two months at over \$500 per acre.

Jefferson township contains 13,102 acres of land and this year there are 219 resident taxpayers in the township. The assessor found on his farms 270 horses, 242 cows and 102 dogs.

Charles Phillips, the assessor of Wayne township, also indicates the sentiment among the assessors for an increase on coal valuations. The township is one of the largest in the county, containing 23,390 acres. There reside in the township 437 taxpayers. The value of the real estate is fixed at \$2,400,638, while three years ago the figures were \$1,663,655.

Mr. Phillips fixed the assessed value of the Pittsburgh or river vein of coal in the township at \$60 per acre, which is just double the figures of three ago.

Ready for Business. The Connelville Wholesale Grocery Company, organized by Uniontown, Connelville and Scottsdale men, has been granted a charter by Governor Edwin S. Stuart and the papers returned to the Recorder's office at Uniontown, for record.

The Country Is
In The Bonds
Of Old Boreas.

The country is covered with the heaviest fall of snow in many years and additions to the white coat are being made each day and night. In the mountains there are 18 inches of snow reported. The Baltimore & Ohio railroad is making good time on the main line in spite of the weather conditions. Westbound trains continue to be delayed to the east.

In the rural districts the conditions are severe, and a long continuance of this winter will bring privations, particularly in the fuel supply. In many localities there are but few custom coal pits, the demand for coking coal having taken most of them, while car shortage and other conditions affect the companies that make some custom coal shipments.

AN ENORMOUS TONNAGE.

Such Is The Prediction for the Steel
Trade in 1910—Coke Stronger.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Report says:

The year is closing with the heaviest steel trade strong as to prices and the amount of business in books, but with an accentuation of the feeling that there is not likely to be any rush of buying for works or possibly even months. If it is predicted for 1910 may be ventured, it is that it will be a year of enormous tonnage but wholly free from spectacular buying movements or radical price changes.

In large plants, shapes, sheets and tin plates, products which comprise between 55 and 60 per cent of the total finished steel output, mills have orders on books for an average of from four to five months' operation, chiefly at prices only slightly below those now ruling, while some of the tonnage is at full prices and a few, very few, call for a smaller proportion of business. Some new business will soon be required to maintain the present rate of output—represented by parts of 22,000,000 tons of pig iron, against 27,150,000 tons made in the last 12 consecutive months hitherto—but not a great deal. Foundry iron is very dull with many minor ups and downs in sentiment position in 1910, according to pressure shifts back and forth between buyers and sellers.

Basic pig iron is showing some elements of strength this week, contrasted with a weakening tendency in the past few weeks, but it is a triple-strut with prices weaker in some quarters.

The Connelville coke market, which was pushed up with undue rapidity, has yielded more or less steadily in the past few weeks, but it is a triple-strut on this week on account of weather conditions.

J. B. Laughlin Resigns. J. B. Laughlin has resigned as treasurer of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company after an active participation in the affairs of the company for more than 25 years. He continues as a director and a member of the executive committee. Charles A. Fisher, the present assistant auditor and assistant treasurer, will succeed him.

MISSED RICH PLUM IN SOMERSET COUNTY.

Valuable Tracts of Coal Land Claimed by Former County Officials the Property of the
McCormicks of Harrisburg According to Recent Decision.

SOMERSET, Dec. 30.—Vance V. McCormick, who was one of the idols of the football world a few years back, when he played halfback for Yale, kicked a goal here in the county court recently, and incidentally ripped to smithereens the Commissioners' deed held by former County Solicitor John A. Berkey and former Commissioners' Clerk John R. Boose, to a valuable tract of coal in Quemahoning township.

Judge W. Rush Gilman of Franklin county, referred the contest and the judges were twelve Somerset county honest yeomen. The progress of the suit was watched with keen interest by attorneys, newspaper reporters, and by speculators in unseated lands, and when a verdict in favor of the plaintiff was returned Mr. McCormick was warmly congratulated.

Mr. McCormick, in addition to being an ex-football "star" of the first magnitude, and an ex-reformer Mayor of Harrisburg, is publisher of the Harrisburg Patriot and is prominently spoken of as the Democratic candidate for Governor next year. As an heir and one of the trustees of the estate of his father, the late Henry McCormick, who was an early iron master of Harrisburg, and a man of large wealth, Vance V. McCormick and his brother, Henry V. McCormick, became plaintiffs in a suit against John A. Berkey and John R. Boose to recover title to a tract of coal in Quemahoning township, which had been sold in 1896 by order of the County Commissioners for alleged non-payment of taxes as unseated minerals. The McCormicks did not learn of the sale until some time after a deed to the minerals in dispute was made by the Commissioners to Berkey and Boose, when they straightway ordered an investigation, the coal having greatly increased in value meanwhile.

They soon ascertained that the surface of the tract had been separated

THE STATISTICS
SUMMARIZED.

For the week ending Saturday, December 25, 1909.

Districts	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
County	24,463	41,752	2,715	232,070
L. Connelville	11,732	18,008	820	142,184
Totals	36,195	59,760	3,535	374,254
Manufactured by				
District	Consumer	Market		
Connelville	181,478	30,582		
L. Connelville	48,600	35,881		
Totals	230,078	66,463		
Production Previous Week				
County	21,448	41,752	2,715	270,011
L. Connelville	11,732	18,008	794	182,201
Totals	33,180	59,760	3,509	252,212
Manufactured by				
District	Consumer	Market		
Connelville	181,478	30,582		
L. Connelville	48,600	35,881		
Totals	230,078	66,463		

Shipments from both regions in cars for the week ending Saturday, December 25, 1909:

To Pittsburgh	15,239
West of Pittsburgh	1,562
East of Connelville	746
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(For complete tables of ovens in blast in both regions see pages 2 and 3.)

COKE OVENS ARE
FIRING UP NOWOne Hundred Fifty Ready For Oper-
ation at Bentleyville and
More Completed.

BENTLEYVILLE, Dec. 28.—Fire is being placed in the coke ovens at Bentleyville ready for the burning of coke. Over 300 ovens have been constructed and already 150 of these have been fired. It is expected that the entire number will be ready for use within a very short time.

The coal from the mines between this place and Monongahela will be coked here. The washer which is being constructed at this place will soon be ready for use. The new slope which has been opened here is nearing completion and within a very short time coal will be taken from this mine and run to the ovens for coking.

Lewis Claims Victory.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—My majority for reelection this year is twice as large as it was last year," said Thomas L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers today.

The tellers of the vote of the individual unions arrived today and will at once begin counting the ballots. Lewis' majority over John H. Walker in last year's election was 18,900.

The State Tree
Growing Nurseries
All Doing Well.

There is promised some future relief for those who use timber, and who see it grow in value through the constant depletion of the forest supply, a relief to be afforded through the efforts of the State. Some years ago the State Forestry Department established a nursery for experimental purposes at Mt. Alto, and the plan worked so well that additional nurseries were established at Greenwood, Huntingdon county, Asaph, Flom county, and at points in Bedford, Centre and Franklin counties.

As a result of the care given to nursery work, the Forestry Commission will have 1,000,000 young trees of its growing to set out in the spring. The planting will be done in various places, where needed and the field of operations steadily increased.

FAIRMONT COAL TRADE.

Prospects For a Good Year Were Nev-
er Brighter.

FAIRMONT, Dec. 30.—The Fairmont coal region is enjoying fine work and the prospects for a good year were never brighter. Many of the mines are working just as full as the car supply allows and the indications are that this condition will remain indefinitely.

The Consolidation Company's new plant at Owings which was recently gotten in shape for loading coal over the temporary tipples is now dumping three car loads a day. The output is growing larger each week and it is the intention of the officials to install a permanent tipple just as soon as the weather permits. Fifteen houses have been completed and this number will be augmented to 50 before spring.

The same company will begin work in a short time upon a new air shaft for the Harrowsville mine. It will be located on the S. W. Hall farm and will cost about \$8,000 for its construction.

The Graham Coal & Coke Company, capitalized at \$200,000, has filed its certificate of incorporation in Monongalia county, which is taken to indicate that the company will begin operation on its property in that county. The incorporators are all Pennsylvania people with the exception of E. M. Every of Morgantown, W. Va. Among the incorporators are Samuel W. Graham, Jr., George C. Gans and W. J. Johnson, of Uniontown, Pa. Its main offices are at Morgantown.

The Jackson Land & Mining Company of Clarksville, W. Va., has been incorporated to operate in Harrison county. The capital stock is set at \$10,000 and the incorporators are Caroline M. Jackson, Clarksville, W. Va., M. J. Selles, S. B. Selles, J. M. Jackson, M. J. Selles, S. B. Selles, J. M. Jackson and K. T. Jackson, Parkersburg, W. Va.

WORK RESUMED

At Coal and Coke Works in Vicinity
of Morgantown.

MORGANTOWN, Dec. 30.—The coal mines and coke plants are in operation again along the M. & K. after a shut down of a couple of days for Christmas. Work was supposed to be resumed yesterday, but many of the company's employees did not start in until today. The resumption of work after Christmas sees every mine along the line in operation. No. 4 mine at Kingwood has been opened up again after a long shut down, while in all of the other mines a full force is at work.

The demand for both coal and coke has so strengthened that the company is producing as much as possible. More men are being employed daily, but there is a scarcity of labor caused by the increase in demand. The railroads are also having their trouble in furnishing enough cars. The mines about the M. & K. have been receiving enough coal cars, but the supply of coke racks has been a little short.

SEEK TO RECOVER
LARGE COAL LANDS.Validity to Title of Greene
County Property Is
Attacked

BY SUIT IN FEDERAL COURT

The Property is Estimated To Be
Worth \$150,000, and Fayette County
People Are Concerned in the Lit-
igation.

An effort to secure possession of property in Greene county valued at about \$150,000, by grandchildren of James Stephens, who died in 1848, was begun in a suit filed in United States Circuit Court on Tuesday. The suit is brought by James A. Stephens of Colorado; Joseph P. Stephens of Iowa; Thomas V. Stephens of Missouri; Richard L. Stephens of Missouri; and Elizabeth Caroline Rose, of Iowa, against William M. Hudson, Thomas H. Hudson, Mary L. Hudson, Harriet M. Hudson and Charles L. Davidson, of Pennsylvania, and the action acts for the enforcement of the defendants from five-sevenths of the property to which the plaintiffs claim a title in fee simple. Two other grandchildren have not entered the suit.

The property, it is stated, was willed by James Stephens in 1848 to his son, Edward Stephens, who was to have a life interest in it and at his death it was to go to the plaintiffs, who are children of Edward Stephens. Edward Stephens it is claimed, joined the army at the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion, and at its close settled in Iowa and allowed the farm in Greene county to be sold at Sheriff's sale, and the defendants purchased the title from the sheriff.

The case seemed their title from the purchasers at the sale. The plaintiffs could not recover because Edward Stephens had a life interest in the property and he died only recently. The land is situated in the valuable coal belt of Greene county, and the plaintiffs claim title to the land, coal and all rights of ownership. Last spring the share of the property of Samuel Hudson, one of the purchasers of the land at Waynesburg, and was bid in for \$225 an acre, but the sale was never consummated, when Attorney Way notified the prospective buyer that the plaintiffs in the action claim title to the property.

BIG SUMS

Will Be Spent in West by the Steel
Corporation.

Reports from the west have it that the United States Steel Corporation contemplates expending close to \$100,000,000 for new steel construction at Gary and South Chicago in the year 1910. That there is little basis for these reports is evident from the fact that in no year since its organization, has the Steel Corporation spent more than \$47,000,000 for new construction on its entire property.

Naturally, districts outside of Chicago and Gary are not going to be neglected next year, and if \$100,000,000 is spent in the west then at least \$50,000,000 will be spent in the Pittsburgh district and elsewhere, making a total of \$150,000,000. Earnings would not be sufficient to satisfy an expenditure of \$150,000,000 in a single year, and a large amount of construction work would have to be capitalized.

The Steel Corporation will expend about \$45,000,000 for new construction in 1910, comparing with \$49,122,607 in 1909 and \$66,981,252 in 1907.

The Producers and
ConsumersSEEM TO BE
DEADLOCKED.Furnaces Holding Off and
the Operators Standing
Pat for Approximate
\$3.00 Coke.

(Special to The Weekly Courier.) PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30.—No transactions of importance are reported as having been made in coke trade circles this week, and it is likely the year will close without any important deals. The tone of the market is stronger this week, possibly on account of the bad weather conditions which have curtailed the car supply. On Monday the Pennsylvania railroad notified some operators that they need not expect more than half the normal car supply in the week, but the system is doing somewhat better than this prediction. The Lake Erie is in fairly good shape.

A sale of 5,000 tons of prompt furnace coke, a good grade from the old basin, was made at \$2.50 last week to a furnace interest which is uncovered for 1910 and expects to contract later at lower prices than are now ruling. There was only one seller at the price, but others quoted \$2.60 and \$2.65, and after the business was closed some of the latter desired an opportunity to revise their quotations. This week the lowest price available seems to be \$2.60, but on account of the car shortage any sale involving the dispatch of a considerable tonnage this week would probably command a higher figure, and the prompt market may be quoted at \$2.60 to \$2.75.

There are no close figures being made on contract coke, partly because consumers are not asking for them, preferring to wait until the present railroad conditions as to labor and car supply have disappeared. The position of furnaces, which are thus delaying the placing of contracts for 1910, is that they expect, later, to contract at about \$2.25, and they can make a good average for the half year even should they have to pay a considerable higher price for prompt coke for awhile. They point out that the blast furnace industry of the country has been fully employed of late, and has been obtaining all the coke needed; that if anything, the furnaces have been running beyond their normal gait, with such excellent weather conditions in October, November and a good part of December; that, in addition to this, most furnaces were put in good physical condition.

The furnace interests contrast this condition of the blast furnace industry with the condition of the coke industry, with many ovens idle, yet sufficient coke production to supply the furnace requirements. In these circumstances, furnacemen argue, there is no room for an advance in prices, but plenty of room for a decline. They take no serious thought of the new blast furnaces which are about completed or are nearing completion. The two additional Aliquippa furnaces are counted out of the reckoning as the Aliquippa plant is already receiving large coal shipments, and the two new Gary furnaces, the last of the eight being built, are counted out because the Gary by-product plant is to be completed by March 1. Of the new furnaces likely to be completed within two or three months, this leaves three furnaces, one Cleveland one Detroit and one Worm Bros. at Coatesville. The two new furnaces at Youngstown are not expected to be in blast much before July 1, and this covers the list of new furnaces likely to be completed this side of that date.

The general asking price on contract furnace coke is \$2.75, but the price is not taken seriously by buyers. In the present temper of the market sellers would hardly shade it materially, however. A small contract, not hitherto reported, is understood to have been made recently at \$2.40, representing a case of a coke operator temporarily anxious to close some business. Foundry coke is quiet and remains about at about \$3 to \$3.25 for prompt and \$3.25 to \$3.50 for contract.

Basic pig iron has firmed up this week, and it is difficult to do \$17. Valley men for very prompt shipment. Foundry iron is extremely dull and the annual price of \$17 to \$17.25, Valley, depending on delivery, are not being seriously tested. Bessemer iron is firm at \$19. Valley and there is an likelihood of any yielding from this figure, unless under great pressure, as from 150,000 to 200,000 tons are sold for 1910 delivery. Sales at the \$19 price, which was first done on October 11, have aggregated about 125,000 tons, most of them being closed before the middle of November.

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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 30, '09.

CONNELLSVILLE AS A CENTER.

The Washington county papers are now trying to locate the Center of the Connelville coke region. The Monongahela Times remarks on the matter as follows:

A controversy is now raging between Connelville, Uniontown and Brownsville as to which is the coking center of the universe. There is no question but the coking field is broadening every day, and an excellent example of this is being made from the bituminous of Washington county, as well as from the vein in Southern Fayette. Regardless of which way the controversy may end, Connelville has the "jump" on the other contenders, as well as the name, and that is a great advantage.

Which leads the Washington Observer to add the following interesting information and predictions:

As to whether Connelville, Uniontown or Brownsville enjoys the coking honor of being the exact center of coke operations The Observer does not know. It does know, however, that the coking field is not confined to the narrow strip through Fayette county which was once believed to contain all the black diamonds capable of making merchantable coke. It has been demonstrated by tests made by eminent mining engineers that the coal under the eastern and southern portions of Washington county and under Greene county can be converted into a fine article of coke. While Connelville may now be the recognized center of the coke field, at least so far as the popular impression goes, yet it must be content soon to see the competition to the southwest. "The powers that be" in railroad circles and high finance cannot longer delay the development of Greene county. The Observer were to make a guess as to the future it would predict that within a decade Cannelton, that ancient village on the banks of Muddy creek, called for a Revolutionary hero, will be hailed as the center of the Pennsylvania coke field; and that if the present rate of production is maintained that all the Pittsburgh coke in the coke country will have been mined and a dispersion of population from that county will follow such as has not been seen in this region.

Which, in turn, so sets up the Waynesburg Democrat that it screams in headline ecstasy, "Greene county, Center of World!" and adds the following:

It will be seen from the above that Greene county will be on the map of the future. No question about it. Almost every acre of our soil is underlaid with the best coking coal in the world. The immediate future must be full of action and business activity. Our population must increase many fold and large towns will spring up where there are now villages or even nothing.

Greene county has a great business future just ahead of it. It is as sure to come as day is to follow night.

A great deal has been written more in jest than in earnest about the Center of the Connelville coke region. It is a fact, however, that Connelville is, and ever will be the center of the original coke region to which it gave a name; and that, no matter how far the field may be extended, it will probably continue to be known as the Connelville region. Its geographical center will undoubtedly shift, or split up into several well-defined centers. That Greene county is destined to add a large territory to the Lower Connelville region in the immediate future is very evident. It is a prediction we have frequently made within the past few years.

It will nevertheless be many years before the coking industry departs from the vicinity of Connelville. This region is underlaid with other coal veins from which a merchantable quality of coke may be made. The hills also contain valuable native iron ores which will soon become commercial factors. These mountain ores made Fayette county one of the prime iron-producing centers of the country over a century ago and may do so again. History often repeats itself.

Over and above all, Connelville has a public spirit, aggressive enterprise and a firm faith in its future destiny, a faith which is justified by its natural advantages and the character of its citizens who are even now preparing to replace, with new industries all that may be lost in the natural exhaustion and elimination of old ones.

THE CONNELLSVILLE MARYLAND; CONNELLSVILLE PROGRESS.

With the awakening of industrial activity comes a train of new deals and new developments in coal and railroad circles. Some of them are rather surprising; for example, the story that control of the Pittsburg Coal Company is involved the plans of the Western Maryland, extension from Cumberland to Connelville and hence to Pittsburgh to connect with the Wabash system.

It is stated that George Gould never abandoned the proposition to cross the mountains and establish a tidewater connection for the Wabash system; that he is now backed by Rockefeller and Gould interests; and that the cost of the line from Cumberland to Connelville will not be seriously regarded.

We assume that the latter state-

ment means that the line through Connelville will be substantially built as will become a portion of a great through railway system, and in this event Connelville would be a convenient and natural location for railroad shops.

It is a natural location for manufacturing and with the proper effort on the part of its enterprising citizens its destiny will be upward and onward. The empty factory at South Connelville is reported to be sold, and the indications are that within a few weeks all our idle industries will be active again.

And there are more to follow.

RELIEF FOR MINER AND OPERATOR.

The Johnstown Journal suggests that mine operators should provide a fund for the erection and maintenance of a home for the widows and orphans of miners who lose their lives in the service of their employers.

The proposition is worthy of consideration, but it is perhaps impossible of consummation without the intervention of the State. The proposed tax on coal for State purposes was not a popular proposition, especially in view of the fact that the State was not in need of it; but perhaps there would be no serious objections to a tax on coal for the purpose of establishing a relief fund for those who are injured in the mines, or for the widows and orphans of those who perish there, and possibly for the support of such an institution as that suggested by our Johnstown contemporary.

The law establishing such a fund, however, should provide that it operate as a bar to damage suits against the mine owner, unless it is shown that the accident was directly due to the willful negligence of the latter.

Such a law would be a relief to the operator as well as the miner.

The plan, moreover, is not entirely new nor strange.

BOROUGH FINANCES AND BOND ISSUES.

The proposed borough bond issue of \$25,000 has been laid over for further consideration. It is desired to know from the legal advisers of the borough just how much of it the people will have to consent to at the polls.

It will probably be found that this particular part will be the whole. Any bond issue which exceeds the legal limit of indebtedness which the Town Council may incur of its own motion needs have the consent of the people, no matter how little it overlaps the limitation between 2% and 7% of the assessed valuation of the borough.

The postponement of action upon this matter was proper and wise, however, for other good and sufficient reasons. A triennial assessment, which usually means an increase in valuations, is just being completed, and it will include a very much larger area of population and property than has hitherto been included in the valuation of Connelville. The relation of our public debt to our borough valuation will doubtless undergo a material change for the better. While it is not probable, it is possible that the proposed bond issue may be properly emitted without the consent of the people.

If the borough indebtedness proposed to be taken up at a less rate of interest by this bond issue is a legal and proper debt, it is good business to fund it in the manner proposed; but it is time the official accountants of the borough looked more strictly into public expenditures. There has been too great a disposition to recklessly incur indebtedness and to prodigally pay the same with certificates.

The payment of a debt by a written promise to pay with interest is an easy way to meet the demands of those who are able and willing to invest their money at legal interest in such glittered securities. The certificate of indebtedness, it must be remembered, is backed by all the real estate in Connelville.

The business of the borough should be conducted in businesslike manner. The outgo should be regulated to the income. At the beginning of the year, the Finance Committee should carefully consider the probable resources of the borough, deduct therefrom sinking fund demands and fixed charges of all kinds, and with the advice and consent of the Council apportion the remainder to various possible needs, not omitting a contingent fund. Expenditures for improvements and other matters should be confined to the limitations of these appropriations.

This should be the practice of all legislative bodies, and it is the aim of most of them.

SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS AND CITIZENS' DUTIES.

The Pittsburg papers record three deaths and a number of injuries from falling on the slippery sidewalks.

A reasonable effort ought to be made by everybody to keep their sidewalks clear of snow. We say a reasonable effort, because it is not always possible to comply with the laws and ordinances regulating this matter. A continuous snow would mean continuous sweeping by night, as well as by day, and this is not contemplated in the requirements concerning clean sidewalks.

When snow has been trampled down and frozen into ice it is a difficult and tedious task to remove it from the sidewalk until it melts. In the meantime, however, ashes, sawdust or something similar may be used with good results. One of the best remedies when the weather moderates is common salt freely sprinkled. It dissipates the ice and is cheap and effective.

Good citizens will need no urging in this regard, and those who are not imbued with the Samaritan spirit should have an official reminder of their duty.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AND THE COUNTY PRESS.

The Uniontown Institute is a good thing for Uniontown. We don't blame the Uniontown papers for defending it, promoting it, advertising it, puffing it, its instructors, their items, their scoop; and so far as we were concerned they were entirely welcome to it.

The Uniontown Institute is designed chiefly for the benefit of Uniontown, and incidentally for the alleged purpose of promoting the technical knowledge of the teachers. Aside from the teachers and directors, whose duty it is to attend the institute, and to patronize the lecture course, few people are interested in the details of the institute. The Courier gave the institute all the space its news value demanded. Our columns were crowded. We had no room for the long-winded effusions of amateur "staff correspondents."

The Fayette county newspapers do not give up so much of their space to other institutes which discuss technical matters. The doctors and the lawyers don't talk about medicine and law; and even the mining experts are not fully copied when they offer practical suggestions in their particular line. This is a pity, for the knowledge thus imparted is invaluable in the preservation of life and limb. It has a large human interest, not to mention its special interest to those who risk their lives daily in the sunless underground depths.

In short, the institute item is a back number from "way back." A quarter of a century ago, when we dwelt far from the crowd and lived the tranquil life that developed little in the live news line, the teachers' institute was one of the annual excitements, especially in Reesetown where little else transpired the remainder of the year. It became a natural habit for the weekly newspapers to "fill up" on the institute, especially in view of the fact that among the teachers were always very wise young men and women who were filled with the importance of writing for the press, seeing their thoughts in print and getting their names attached to them, a feeling which, it may be observed in passing, hasn't itself passed with the passing years.

There are some newspapers remaining in Fayette county who cherish the old custom as a sacred thing, who hug it to their breasts as a precious heritage, who love to fill up on it. The Uniontown papers, we repeat, have no reason for doing so, but we know of no such excuse for a Connelville paper.

The Courier has no quarrel with the institute, nor with its promoters, nor with its members, nor with its beneficiaries. Its mission is to print all the news that is interesting to its clients, and to comment honestly and intelligently on men and things; and in the performance of its daily duties it makes no exception of institutes.

ENROLL YOURSELVES IN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Chamber of Commerce of Greater Connelville has already produced some tangible results in the work of establishing manufacturing here and imbuing the town with new industrial life, but we fear that its efforts are not yet appreciated as they should be.

Successful towns in other sections have been so either because of the accident of circumstances, that is to say they have been advantageously located or have happened in the line of greater progress, or because they have organized an active civic body such as our Chamber of Commerce representing practically to a man the business and property interests of the community.

The Chamber of Commerce of Connelville should have a greater membership. It has at the present time about 150 members. There are upwards of 500 men in town who should be enrolled as members. The dues are not great; the advantages of the organization are many and direct; they should be more generally appreciated and more generously supported.

Connelville has superior natural resources. We stand in our own light if we do not exploit and urge them. The Chamber of Commerce has undertaken this important work, and its officers and directors are doing it unselfishly and earnestly. Every citizen of substance should lend them the small measure of financial assistance and the greater need of moral encouragement that is contained in the maintenance of a membership in the organization.

The line to join in this good work is right now. Get on the roll without further delay. Come to the meetings. Get a move on. It is everybody's business to help in the work of Connelville's conservation, not to say her eternal salvation.

CONFISCATION AND THE SINGLE TAX.

The esteemed Johnstown Democrat insists that in considering the Single Tax theory we see darkly through the glass. It wants us to read Henry George's "Progress and Poverty," and become enlightened. It assures us that we don't understand the dogma. Perhaps not, but if we do not it is largely because Editor Bailey and others have misled us. In discussing the question we took them at their own words. The Democrat, however, declares:

The only institution the Single Taxer would have to take to the schoolroom is the owner of natural opportunities to pocket a value which is clearly public in its character and therefore rightfully a public rather than a private asset. There is no vested interest which the Single Taxer would sandbag except that embodied in the power to levy tribute on the land user. Does the Single Taxer believe that the power of some men to appropriate the wealth produced by other men. And should the Single Tax be applied in this country as some measure of it is about to be applied in Great Britain and as an even larger measure of it is being applied in Germany. It would destroy only the privilege which some now enjoy of appropriating the earnings of their fellow men without rendering an equivalent.

If we remember correctly, slavery was abolished in the interest of humanity, and not for the purpose of confiscating property; in fact, it was one time proposed to pay the Southern slave-owners for their slaves, and if the issue had been amicably settled no doubt that would have been the manner of its settlement; but slavery became a war issue, a measure of retaliation, and no compensation was asked or given.

The native sense of American justice would not now consent to the practical confiscation of property without just compensation; yet, if we understand the Single Tax, its adoption as a national policy would amount to that unless some provisions were made to compensate vested interests, and we have yet to learn of such a proposition from Single Tax sources.

HOW TO GET A FREE BRIDGE.

The Brownsville Clipper Monitor lately asks whether it wouldn't be a good plan for the citizens of that community to make a move to free the bridge there.

If Brownsville wants a free bridge, her newspaper and her people will have to be a lot more aggressive than this. They must not weakly inquire; they must boldly demand. They must not tentatively suggest a thought; they must strongly demonstrate a case. They must not sit down and gossip; they must get up and get busy.

And if the experience of Connelville is any criterion, they must keep tirelessly busy and be prepared to fail many times before they succeed once.

THE GIVING OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

The spirit of Christmas is abroad so generally that the postman and the expressman have a busy time meeting its enlarged requirements. The custom of Christmas-giving seems to grow with the years and is especially heavy when prosperity smiles upon the people.

The custom is a beautiful one, and it is farthest from our purpose to wantonly criticize or decry it. While it often runs to extravagance, there is worse prodigality in the world.

Perhaps the most objectionable feature of Christmas-giving is that which imposes it as a forced obligation. The Christmas present should embody the spirit of the day unalloyed by motives that are selfish or sordid. The Christmas gifts should come warm and cheerful from the heart and not cold and calculating from the head.

We should give as freely and fully as our circumstances will permit without the expectation of receiving in kind, with no thought of having placed a responsibility or engaged a return.

This is the true Christmas spirit; the proper Christmas gift. All others are but promptings of vanity, the grudging discharge of imaginary indebtedness or the polite operations of social speculation.

THE LEGAL STATUS OF BASEBALL SLAVES.

The legality of the sale and transfer of a professional baseball player from one club to another is being contested in the Leigh county courts on the ground that it is in violation of the United States Constitution prohibiting slavery.

The thought has been suggested in these columns on more than one occasion that the "sale" of ball players from one club to another amounted to slavery, but we were considering the question in the abstract. So long as no objections were recorded by the sellers, the buyers, the bought or the sold, the question remained indeterminate. It is at least fairly in the courts and we may expect a judicial deliverance on it soon.

The deliverance will probably be against the allegation of slavery, since the players virtually contract to play ball for a certain compensation, during a certain period, in a certain association or league of ball clubs. Ball players of the professional class are out for the salary. They are content to let the halo of glory settle upon whose heads it will, provided their own salaries are satisfactory.

The Washington county female teachers are solemnly warned against the wearing of hats in the schoolroom lest they distract the attention of the children and render the mantle of dignity which should envelop the form of the instructor. The teachers who wear these sentiments was probably bald.

The civil engineers want to be recognized by law as professional men. The public will endorse the movement. It insures competent engineers. When a man employs an engineer to run his property lines or do other work he presumes to feel that the work is being done by a man who knows how to do it and who will do it accurately.

"Dam the Yonah!" is still a slogan.

The President has decided that there are many kinds of whiskey, but that whiskey is whiskey just the same.

Henry Clay Frick usually brings Pittsburg's Christmas present, and it is true that he is about to give the city a first-class modern hotel that will compare with the dignity and size of the office building he created some years since the gift will be worthy and welcome.

We may be damned yet.

"We told you so!" echoes the Pearyites; but their order was one of rank prejudice, not real prophecy.

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SMITH DISPUTE IS ADVANCED ON LIST.

It Will Be Tried in February
So Appeal Can Be Taken
In the Spring.

HOTEL LICENSES TRANSFERRED

John Duggan is Now Proprietor of the
Columbia Hotel on the West Side.
Hearing in Telephone Case Comes
Up This Afternoon.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 28.—Although the trial of the Bertmann J. Smith litigation was certified to the Common Pleas court for the March term, at the request of the attorneys involved it was agreed to put the case at the foot of the list of cases to be tried at the adjourned term of December court. This will bring the case up for trial in February. Attorney E. C. Higbee, representing Escheator H. M. Kephart, reported that there is a sure to be an appeal to the Superior Court, no matter how the trial comes out, and it is desired to take this appeal at the Spring term in May. If the trial was deferred until the March term, this would not be possible.

The hearing in the injunction secured by the stockholders of the Tri-State Telephone Company, restraining the American Union Telephone Company from disposing of any of the stock of the former company, was to have been heard this morning but was continued until this afternoon.

Two hotel licenses were transferred this morning when John Duggan was given the license originally granted Claude D. Anderson for the Columbia Hotel in Conneltsville, and John Piusa getting the license of John Hertzog for the Emerson House at Evanson.

Attorney T. P. Jones this morning filed a petition for the freeing of the bridge across the Monongahela river at Bellevue. The court named John R. Ryan and Charles B. Franks as viewers. Viewers were appointed two years ago but one of them died and the case got out of court. A similar petition will be presented to the Washington county courts next Monday.

Carlo Amelio, who pleaded guilty to wife desertion, was sentenced to pay the costs and give the wife \$2 a week. John T. Young of Bellevue wants a divorce from his wife, Edna M. Young, who is now living in Washington county. Young names William McDonald as co-respondent, preferring charges of infidelity.

Dr. J. A. Meacham is suing the Borough of Masontown for damages resulting from a change of grade. The court named the following viewers this morning: E. H. Riffe, Thomas W. Hoover, Job Deffenbaugh, Edward King and Edward McWilliams. A decree was issued permitting the adoption of Ethel May Clark, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, by James A. Wells and wife of near Brownsville.

William Herron of Gates, against whom was a surety charge and a desertion and non-support case, was sentenced to pay Mrs. Herron \$25 per month in the latter case, and directed to pay costs in the former. In default of \$400 bond Herron went to jail for the night.

Jacob R. Dunstan, of Conneltsville, convicted of false pretense, was let off with payment of costs. Alex McDade, prosecuted for rape, but convicted of a misdemeanor, was fined \$100 and costs. Charles Springer, defendant in paternity prosecution, was sentenced to pay the mother \$10 expenses and \$1.50 per week until the child is five years of age.

William Collier, of Conneltsville, was given until Friday to decide whether to plead guilty to carrying concealed weapons or stand trial. He entered a plea, and through counsel, asked to be let off upon payment of costs. The court stated that if his story is true he should go free and suggested a jury trial.

Clair Stillwagon, of Conneltsville, filed an answer Monday, telling why his judgment he secured against Thomas L. Krush and Anna M. Krush should not be opened and the defendant, Anna Krush, let into a defense. Mrs. Krush declared that she was not a party to the judgment, but merely signed the note as surety for her husband; also that the note was given without valuable consideration. Stillwagon denies this and contends that Mrs. Krush was not surety, but one of the makers of the note and that she shared in the profits. The note was for \$2,500 given April 13, 1904. Stillwagon admits payments of \$1,510 and is ready to credit the same.

side on him to show why he should not pay her \$75 counsel fees and expenses. She not only denies his allegations in her petition, but avers that he himself is guilty of deserting her, as shown by the court records, as he was convicted and is now paying her \$3 per week.

An echo of the sale of the Fairchance hotel and the resulting litigation was sounded in court Monday when the West Penn Electric Company presented a petition asking that a light bill be taxed as part of the legal expenses accruing while the property was in the hands of the Sheriff. James H. O'Hara and John M. Ramage, owners of the building, issued a room for a barber shop and the shop remained in operation after the hotel was closed. The light bill amounted to \$55.12. The West Penn claimed that at the time the Sheriff took charge of the property it was agreed that the light should continue and be charged to the expenses. After argument the petition was granted.

The will of the late Antonio Riegliano, an Italian property holder of Dunbar township, was probated Monday evening, leaving his wife, Maria, the personal property and the use of the real estate during her life time. Order of sale granted authorizing the disposition of property of the late Martha Elcher of Upper Tyrone township, to be sold by Lewis Elcher, executor, at either public or private sale. The deceased, in her will, directed that the estate be converted into cash. There is valuable property in Jeannette, Westmoreland county, and also real estate in Upper Tyrone township.

THE WESTMORELAND PRESBYTERY IN SESSION

Delegates Elected at the Annual
Winter Gathering—A Fayette
Layman is Honored.

The Presbytery of Westmoreland met at Unity Station, December 21. Rev. J. B. Pollock of New Alexandria, was re-elected clerk for the term of two years. Rev. D. A. Ransom, temporarily of Chicago, H. W. Millen, of Scottsdale, H. S. Wilson, D. D., of McKeessport, and M. S. McBane, of Dunbar, were elected ministerial delegates to meet in May at Philadelphia, with Revs. McKeessport, J. B. Pollock, New Alexandria, W. E. Guthrie, Murraysville, and J. S. Hill, Laurens, as alternates. T. A. Marill, Dunbarville, C. A. Roessing, McKeessport, and T. Scott Dunn were elected lay delegates with T. E. Painter, Dunbarville, C. J. McCarthy, McKeessport, and David Jank, Dunbar, as alternates. Wintering congregation will also send a delegate to assembly, the session sending the name to the clerk of Presbytery. Rev. T. D. Boon of Selo, Ohio, has been called to Pittsburg. He expects to begin his labors about the first of the year. A commission consisting of Rev. H. S. Wilson, D. D., of Mt. Pleasant, Rev. E. P. Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Rev. W. T. McDunnell, D. D., of Turtle Creek, and elder J. M. Graham, will attend to the installation of Mr. Boon at the convenience of the parties.

Rev. H. S. Wilson, D. D., was re-elected released by Presbytery at his own request from the pastoral charge of Mt. Pleasant, to take effect the last Sabbath of January. Dr. Wilson will then have been almost 26 years in Mt. Pleasant and feels that after that length of time a change of even the very pleasant and harmonious relations that exist in his pastorate may not be without benefit both to the congregation and himself.

COOPER DETECTS ERROR.

Uniontown Man Calls Attention to
Girling Misstatement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—It was the eagle eye of Representative Allen P. Cooper of Uniontown, chairman of the House Committee on printing, that discovered an important error in a Senate document and caused it to be withdrawn for reprinting. The Senator recently honored Representative McCall of Massachusetts, by voting to publish as one of its documents a scholarly article he had written for a leading magazine on the subject of the tariff of 1909. An error in the government printing office made Mr. McCall attribute to Chairman Payne of the House Ways and Means Committee a statement that, "The duties had been increased upon necessary articles consumed by the American people to the extent of \$5,000,000,000 annually."

The word "increased" should have been "decreased." The misstatement in the Senate document was not observed until Representative Cooper called the attention of the Senate printing committee to it.

PROF. DARBY, RESIGNS.

Member of Waynesburg College Faculty
Goes to Morgantown.

WAYNESBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—Prof. Arleigh L. Darby, who for the past 10 years has filled the chair of Latin and French in Waynesburg College, will leave this week for Morgantown, W. Va., where he has accepted a position as instructor of French in the West Virginia University. Prof. Darby was graduated from Waynesburg College in 1899. Later he studied in Europe, completed a course in the university at Grenoble, France, and he also completed a course at the University of Chicago. For several years he has been at the head of the academic department of Waynesburg College and during the summer months has taught in the Miami College, Ohio.

Classified ads. one cent a word.

W. C. LILLY IN CHICAGO.

Rev. J. E. Walker Meets and Talks
With Pittsburgher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—William C. Lilly, mysteriously missing from Pittsburgh, was yesterday seen by Rev. James E. Walker, formerly of Pittsburgh, who knows him well. The minister engaged Lilly in conversation, but the latter walked away without giving any information regarding his movements or his location here. Thomas B. Murphy of Gary, Ind., and Miss Mary L. McCluskey of Carnegie, Pa., are to be married tomorrow afternoon by Rev. Walker, who was on his way to arrange for the ceremony when he encountered Mr. Lilly. Rev. Mr. Walker says he knew Mr. Lilly very well in Pittsburgh and that the latter made no attempt to conceal his identity.

MARIE LOUISE DIPPED IN WARM WATER TWICE

So Say Girl Hazards of Fairmont Normal
School—Miss Taylor
Not Hurt.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 28.—In an article bearing the significant caption, "The Half That Has Never Been Told," the girls who are alleged to have hazed Marie Louise Taylor because she "rooted" the wrong way, when the boys of the Fairmont Normal School were playing a game of football against the Davis and Elkins College team, have issued a statement. The statement says:

"About two days before the D. and E. game Miss Taylor was one of the most enthusiastic of a bunch of girls learning F. N. S. songs and yells. At the game, however, it was noticed that she wore a D. and E. sweater and gave out one lusty yell after another for the opposing team. No one cared, but in the evening some of the girls jeeringly said: 'We'll fix you now, Marie Louise.'"

"Miss Louise answered: 'Ha, do you think I'm afraid of you girls? You haven't nerve enough to duck me.' At 10:30 P. M. the majority of the girls journeyed back to Miss Taylor's room. The light was turned off and her hands were tied with a towel. Just at this moment the preceptress appeared on the scene and the girls were sent away. The preceptress was led downstairs and back the girls accompanied. The door was soon opened and the girls carried Marie Louise to the bathroom. The report that she was 'hazed' is positively false.

"Marie Louise was simply dropped down into the warm water twice, then two streams of red chalk were made from the knees down. She was then wrapped in blankets and carried to her room where the wet clothing was removed. This was all done as a joke and was accepted as such by Marie Louise that night. The report that she suffered physically was built on sand. While fainting that night she smiled, placed one girl and pulled another's hair."

WILL TAKE UP THE BALLINGER ROW NEXT

Joint Committee of Congress Will
Consider Pinchot
Charges.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—A joint Congressional committee will investigate the Ballinger-Pinchot row in all of its ramifications. Senator Nelson of Minnesota, chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, will be at the head of the committee. The Senator talked with President Taft today. After he left the White House, the plan of organization and the scope of the investigation became known.

On top of the news which Senator Nelson brought from the White House was the emphatic statement of Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, denying that he had delivered an ultimatum to President Taft which read: "An investigation of my conduct in office, or my resignation from you, Administration."

Mr. Ballinger gives the impression in his interviews that all he asks is that the searchlight of investigation be turned on all of his acts as a public official.

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Fred Lyons of Springhill township, charged with arson, was held for the March term of court after a hearing Thursday evening before Justice D. M. Brier at Uniontown. He gave \$500 bail.

Prisoners Made Happy. The prisoners in the county jail at Uniontown were given special dinners on Christmas and Sunday.

A NEW PRESIDENT FOR THE B. & O.

Daniel Willard of Burlington
Will Succeed Oscar G.
Murray.

OTHER CHANGES TO COME, TOO

First Vice President Randolph and
Likely Second Vice President Potter
Will Leave Service With President
Murray—Harriman Influence.

Oscar G. Murray will on December 31 retire from the presidency of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and be succeeded by Daniel Willard, now second vice president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and in charge of the operations of that system.

Simultaneously with the retirement of Mr. Murray will come that of the first vice president of the B. & O., George F. Randolph, and there also is a report that George L. Potter, vice president and general manager of the road, will leave his service, too. Two men will be elected, it is said, to take up the work formerly in charge of Mr. Randolph. Charles S. Wright, formerly general freight agent of the Pittsburgh & Western, now a part of the B. & O. system, and who for some time has been general traffic manager of the B. & O. with headquarters at Baltimore, is slated to become first vice president, and George M. Shriver, for a long time assistant to President Murray, will become the second vice president.

These changes, it is said, will be due to the influence of the Harriman interests, which have become a factor in the Baltimore & Ohio. Mr. Murray's regime was peaceful enough until these interests appeared. It is said that they demanded a higher efficiency in operation. In spite of the warning of a great rash in the traffic business, with the return of prosperity, it is reported that the Baltimore & Ohio did not act with the promptness required to meet the first march of business resumption. Although the company has since ordered heavily of cars and locomotives, it is pointed out, so that delivery is so far off that it will be a matter of serious concern to care for new business pending the arrival of the cars and locomotives now building.

President Murray is 65 years old. His successor is about 10 years his junior. Mr. Willard is distinctly an operating man. He was with the Baltimore & Ohio from 1890 to 1902. At that time he was assistant general manager. His good work in that capacity attracted the attention of J. J. Hill of the Great Northern, who had just secured control of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and he induced Mr. Willard to go to that line as general manager, and from that position he was advanced to the second vice presidency.

Other reorganization plans, it is said, will be put in force as soon as the new executive heads take control of the Baltimore & Ohio, and not a few of the line officers have been making trips to headquarters to find out just where they stand with the new organization. Official announcement of the changes is expected to come from the B. & O. office in Baltimore on December 31.

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BALLINGER ASKED FOR MINE DISASTER CAUSES

Cites Work of Pittsburgh Station For
Prevention and Rescue Work
in Mines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The recent mine disaster at Cherry, Ill., inspired Senator Cullum of that State to offer a resolution, which the Senate adopted, calling upon the Secretary of the Interior for information as to the number of federal stations equipped with rescue apparatus and how many more were essential to properly safeguard life, the cause of mine disasters and what should be the action of the federal government to prevent or minimize them. In his reply made public last week, Secretary Ballinger tells something of the work of the station at Pittsburg, and its four branches.

The principal station is at Pittsburg, accessible to the coal field in Western Pennsylvania, northern Ohio and northern West Virginia. Its branches are at Knoxville, Tenn., Libana, Ill., and Seattle. Mr. Ballinger recommends nine other branches, one of them at some point near the boundary between southeastern Ohio, Western West Virginia and northeastern Kentucky, and another in the Pennsylvania anthracite regions. He estimates the additional cost at \$160,700 for the next fiscal year.

Secretary Ballinger says that as mines go deeper, gas becomes more abundant and correspondingly more dangerous and the number of disasters and loss of life increases, thus emphasizing the need for the work and its extension to prevention of other causes of fatalities than "explosions," to which the current appropriation limits it, though these are responsible for less than 15 per cent of the fatalities. He points out that the stations are necessarily devoted more largely to education than to rescue work and that as time goes on demonstration and preventive rather than rescue measures will increase in importance, so that most of the local stations can be abolished and the work of rescue and enforcement of preventive measures be left to local and State authorities.

A LIMIT TO PASSES ON FOREIGN ROADS

None Below Rank of Assistant General
Manager May Get Annuals in Future.

Railroads all through the country are now considering the adoption of a recommendation that annual passes be no longer issued direct to officers and agents of other roads below the rank of assistant general passenger agent. To the present, affirmative expressions have been received from all railroads with only one or two exceptions on the question of adopting this step. It has been objected that representatives of so many eastern lines have charge jointly of both freight and passenger departments that action contemplating the suggested steps on the part of the passenger departments would be practically nullified by reason of the restriction applying to the freight department through which passes might be jointly issued. It seems that unless restrictive measures are taken the indiscriminate issuance of these passes will go on even if the passenger departments are entirely in accord and it would not have the desired effect unless the freight departments also act on a similar recommendation. This is being called to the attention of the railroads.

PRESIDENT TAFT AFTER GRAIN SPECULATORS

Says They Gamble in the Nation's
Food and Clothing—Drastic
Measures Urged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Beside Ballinger and the Nicaraguan situation, today's session of President Taft and his Cabinet is considering the speculation in agricultural "futures." President Taft said it is gambling with the nation's food and clothing and is contemplating a special message to Congress recommending that such speculations be stopped.

An investigation has been made into the cotton speculation and grain is also being investigated. The President favors drastic measures. Representative Scott has already framed a bill denying the use of the mails to stock gamblers.

Will Relieve Famine. Why the present heavy snow melts it will greatly relieve the water famine affecting Western Pennsylvania.

Nine Persons Hurt in Collision At Standard Works on Christmas.

MT. PLEASANT, Dec. 27.—Caught so suddenly that they had no warning of impending peril nine persons were crushed and mangled Saturday morning when a West Penn railway street car crashed into the rear end of another at the Standard works of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, just outside the borough limits. Several of the victims are in a serious condition. All were brought to the local Memorial hospital.

The injured. CAPTAIN HARRY COY, a negro, veteran of the Civil War, 77 years old, of Standard, right leg was broken in three places. MICHAEL DOMISH, 19 years old, a miner of Standard, leg crushed and amputated at hospital. CHARLES HOFFMEYER, 18 years old, leg crushed and amputated at hospital. MICHAEL BARNETT, 27 years old, negro, miner, of Carpenterstown, right leg amputated and a fractured arm. M. V. GRAY, electrical engineer, of Reynoldsville, Pa., toes crushed. CHARLES MINICO, 36 years old, miner, of Union, leg crushed and amputated at the hospital. WILLIAM JORDAN, 12 years old, son of Andrew Jordan, of Standard, left leg crushed and amputated Saturday night at 11 o'clock. ROBERT JORDAN, 11 years old, brother of William, leg crushed and amputated at the hospital.

On account of the heavy Christmas traffic double headers were being run, regular cars being followed by section cars. Car No. 214 southbound, and due at this place at 11:15 A. M., in charge of Conductor W. H. Lakin and Henry Pabel as motorman, had stopped on the siding at the Standard works to wait for the northbound car

to pass. The cars generally pass at this place, but the southbound car was several minutes late. Car No. 214 was crowded with passengers and the rear vestibule was jammed with those unable to obtain seats inside. Car No. 203, the trailer, with Motorman Allison and Conductor E. A. Miller in charge, suddenly shot into the siding where car No. 214 had stopped. The crash made by those who packed the rear platform partially drowned the sound of the approaching car. Motorman Allison saw that a collision was imminent and tried frantically to stop his car, but the wheels slid on the slippery rails and he was helpless, and jumped in time to save himself.

The sound of the movement made by the passengers was suddenly lost in the grinding impact of the two cars. The front cab of the trailer car and the rear cab of the other were smashed. A number of passengers in the rear of the standing car received bruises. None of the passengers on car No. 203 was injured.

Many of the women on the cars fainted when they saw the mangled victims of the wreck lying about. In response to a telephone message all the physicians of this place hurried to the scene of the wreck. After the wounded had received temporary treatment they were brought to the local hospital on a special car.

The two young Jordan boys were sitting on the steps of the standing car when the collision occurred. Their condition is serious, but both show unusual pluck and just evening they are getting along well.

No official statement has been given out by the company concerning the accident.

ENTIRE FAMILY IN JAIL.

Son For Murder; Father, Stepmother
and Sisters Accessories.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 27.—Harrisburg police Saturday night arrested John Johnson, father of Harry Johnson, now in jail on the charge of murdering Livermore John H. Hartman, on a warrant charging him with being an accessory to the crime. Sarah Johnson and Lulu Butler, Johnson's stepmother and step-sister, respectively, were also arrested, and the whole family is in the Dauphin county jail.

The police claim to have found letters at Conneltsville where Johnson was arrested, indicating that \$150 of the money taken from the murdered man, was given to the Butler girl, and that she forwarded the money to him here. The father and mother are also accused of aiding him to escape, and with assisting the step-sister to keep him supplied with funds.

NORMALVILLE.

NORMALVILLE, Dec. 28.—We are enjoying the most delightful we have had for years.

Mrs. Ora Brooks has returned home from Conneltsville where she was visiting friends. The family visited Conneltsville and family visited Conneltsville and family visited Conneltsville.

Mrs. Jack Green, of the Camp, is visiting and shopping in Conneltsville. John I. Rogers of Rogers Mfg. spent Christmas with Conneltsville friends. When you want anything advertise for it in our want column.

Luella Leslie, of Rogers, is visiting in Conneltsville. Joseph S. Murray, an aged veteran of town is indisposed at this writing.

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SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE TESTIMONY FOR INCORPORATION NOT ALL TAKEN

This Was Learned Monday Morning When the Matter Was Called in Court for Argument.

HARRY SMURR GIVEN LICENSE

West Side Hotel, Formerly the Victoria, Will Dispense With Liquid Refreshments in the Future—Trial List is Called For Coming Term.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 27.—A busy session of court began today when the argument list was called and it is likely that all the business on hand cannot be disposed of before tomorrow.

One of the most important matters taken up this morning was that concerning the incorporation of South Conneltsville into a borough. The case was called for argument but it was discovered that all the testimony had not been taken. An agreement was reached by which this testimony will be taken next Thursday at Uniontown.

The court this morning handed down an order granting license to the West Side Hotel formerly the Victoria, now owned and managed by H. M. Smurr. This application was held over when presented last March.

In the equity suit of Newell A. Porter against Lee Hepler, the petition to amend a rule to enter a defense against a judgment which had been made against him was granted. Porter submitted the allegation that the note entered against him by Hepler is a forgery. The original note, Porter declares, stipulated that it was to be for \$3,000, without interest, but the note which was entered for judgment bore interest. Hepler is being prosecuted on a criminal charge as well as sued in equity. Porter gave Hepler a \$5,000 note and later this note was taken up and another given. Sometime after the original note was entered for judgment by Hepler.

In the case of John H. O'Neil, administrator, against Charles F. Rush, an opinion was handed down in court this morning overruling all the exceptions filed against the findings of Referee J. S. Christy and directing Rush to pay O'Neil \$1,463.89. The defendant was assessed two-thirds the costs and the plaintiff the remaining one-third.

Rush and James O'Neil were partners operating a distillery in Wharton township. O'Neil died and his brother, John, was named administrator. Rush kept the accounts, which were badly confused. Christy was appointed referee but both sides filed exceptions to his report. The court sustained Christy.

In the divorce suit of Tony Patrone against Florence Patrone, C. A. Rhoades was named master.

WEIMER DISCHARGED ON AN ARSON CHARGE

Had Been Accused of Participating in Burning of a Saw Mill.

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 24.—The hearing of Wells Creek Lumber Company charging Calvin Weimer with having burned the saw mill, located in Larimer township, on the night of November 11th, was held at the office of Justice of the Peace Wm. H. Hays of this place, this afternoon. Attorney Clarence L. Shaver of Somerset, appeared for the defendant, while the prosecution was not represented by an attorney.

A number of witnesses were examined, but about all the plaintiffs were basing their hopes for conviction upon the fact that a pair of bloodhounds from Fairmont, W. Va., had followed a truck to the house of the defendant. At the conclusion of the hearing Justice Hays held that insufficient evidence was produced to warrant the holding of the accused and he was discharged.

FINAL ACCOUNT FILED IN RISBECK ESTATE

Was Former Owner of Pennsylvania Hotel at Brownsville—Routine Court Matters.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 24.—The first and final account of George W. Acklin and W. A. Edmiston, assignees of the estate of James Risbeck and wife of Brownsville, was filed this morning. Risbeck was the former owner of the Pennsylvania Hotel in Brownsville.

The collections amounted to \$37,598.41, from which was deducted \$5,418.55 for expenses and payments. This leaves a balance for distribution of \$32,179.86.

John S. Griffiths, assignee, has filed his final account in the estate of S. P. Heenan, an insolvent of Brownsville. The report shows \$921 for distribution. Heenan and his wife have moved from Brownsville and their address is not known.

A petition for the transfer of the Dyer-Horse license is on file. John Hertzog asks that the license be granted to George Pisula.

AT INDIAN HEAD.

Work on Indian Creek Valley Extension Being Rushed.

James McGloin, former proprietor of the Young House, arrived in Conneltsville this morning to spend the Christmas holidays. At present he is superintending the construction of the extension of the Indian Creek Valley railroad.

The grading for the road has reached Indian Head, in the direction of Jones' Mills and it is believed that it can be put through to that point by early spring. At the present time there are 200 men at work on the grading, and the only thing that will hold the extension back is the delivery of steel. The ties and other materials are on the ground at the present time.

HIGH PRICES ASKED FOR CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

Thirty Cents Live and 35 Cents Dressed—the Prices Being Quoted in Conneltsville.

The "ultimate consumer" is making an awful kick against the price of turkeys and chickens this year. The supply is very limited, principally because the butchers are staying off the market this year, and prices have soared to heights never before attained. The prevailing price for turkeys today is 30 cents a pound, live, and 35 cents dressed. Even chickens, which have been as plentiful as usual, have gone up in price. As high as 25 cents a pound is being charged for dressed chickens.

It is reported on good authority that the reason of the reported high prices prevailing in the mountains for turkeys is because the merchants refuse to pay an advanced figure. Emissaries of local merchants are reported to have visited Springfield township recently, offering 12 cents a pound, live weight, and refusing to pay more.

Chickens are selling for 20 and 21 cents, dressed, in Pittsburgh, but Conneltsville beats that by several cents. Dressed turkeys are quoted at 27 and 30 cents. It is reported that sales have been made here where 40 cents a pound was charged for a dressed turkey.

LOSS OF A ROLL STARTS TROUBLE

Row at Smiley Works Began After Theft of \$170 and Accusation of Neighbor.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 24.—When Michael Smith of Smiley works discovered that someone had entered his house 11 broad daylight Wednesday and took \$170 in cash, all of which he belonged to his boarders except \$50, he got mad. But if Michael was angry, it did not equal the wrath of his wife. The wife immediately suspected a woman living nearby and made a bee line for the neighbor's house.

The result was an action in disorderly conduct in which Mrs. Smith was the defendant. The matter was amicably settled before Judge Alex Monteth at Fairbance last night but the money is still missing.

LITTLE GIRL BITTEN BY HER PET DOG.

Animal Had Been Struck by Automobile and Owner Was Ministering to Its Injuries.

While ministering to the injuries of her pet dog, which had been struck by an automobile, Pearl Moser, aged 14, was bitten by the canine Christmas dog. The animal snapped at the girl, inflicting a bad gash on her right hand.

The girl was taken to the South Side hospital where her injury was dressed. She was able to return to her home in South Conneltsville. Officer P. M. Ruff, upon hearing of the affair, went to the South Side and killed the dog. It had been fatally hurt by the automobile.

COON HOLLOW SHOOTING; TWO WOMEN VICTIMS

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UNIONTOWN, Dec. 27.—As the result of a shooting affray in Coon Hollow last night, in which Anna Ryan was shot in the arm and Bertha Thomas got a bullet in her leg, Dora King and Robert Watson are in jail charged with carrying concealed weapons and pointing firearms, while Lloyd Jenkins is being held as an absconding witness.

The officers are also looking for Frank Johnson, who is charged with felonious shooting and running a disorderly house. All the parties are colored.

COOPER DETECTS ERROR.

Uniontown Man Calls Attention to Glaring Misstatement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—It was the eagle eye of Representative Allen F. Cooper of Uniontown, chairman of the House Committee on printing, that discovered an important error in a Senate document and caused it to be withdrawn for reprinting. The Senate recently honored Representative McCall of Massachusetts, by voting to publish as one of its documents a scholarly article he had written for a leading magazine on the subject of the tariff of 1909. An error in the government printing office made Mr. McCall attribute to Chairman Payne of the House Ways and Means Committee a statement that "the duties had been increased upon necessary articles consumed by the American people to the extent of \$5,000,000,000 annually."

The word "increased" should have been "decreased." This misstatement in the Senate document was not observed until Representative Cooper called the attention of the Senate printing committee to it.

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ELECTED OFFICERS.

Leaders Chosen For Christian Church Sunday School.

The following officers for the year were elected on Sunday by the Christian Sunday school: Superintendent, P. H. Beighley; Assistant Superintendent, J. L. Kesler; Secretary, Lloyd Shaw; Treasurer, T. C. Edmonds; Enrolling Secretary, Nello Colborn; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. C. M. Watson; Assistant Cradle Roll Superintendent, Miss Josephine Porter; Primary Superintendent, Miss Ella Hyatt; Junior Superintendent, Miss Daisy Trump; Intermediate Superintendent, Mrs. Anna Mason; Senior Superintendent, J. L. Gans; Superintendent of Home Department, Mrs. Frances Marsh; Auditing Committee, A. W. Bowman and C. B. McCormick; pianists, Mae Gilmore, Florence Cavender and Helen Norris.

Just try a sack of White Elephant Flour. It skins them all in quality and price. \$1.50 large sack at East End Grocery and Hixon & Lytle, West Side.

SNOW STORM SWAMPS RAILROADS; HEAVY FALL IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Delay, However, Was Occasioned Chiefly on Eastern Divisions and Pennsylvania Suffered the Most.

COMPLAINT FILED

Against the Bell Telephone Company Alleging Discrimination.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 24.—Carl Vandervoort, in behalf of the Pittsburgh Lumberman's Mutual Fire Insurance Company, today filed a complaint with the State Railroad Commission, alleging that the Central District and Printing Telegraph Company discriminates against its Pittsburgh patrons by charging them \$18 a year rental for an extension desk set that can be bought outright in the open market for \$6. He asks for an investigation.

DELEGATION WILL ASK FOR DAMS ON YOUGH

McKeesport, West Newton and Conneltsville to Be Represented at Washington.

McKEESPORT, Dec. 24.—McKeesport will be represented before the Rivers and Harbors Committee of Congress in Washington, January 5, by a delegation of 21 citizens, including the Mayor and city officials. West Newton and Conneltsville also will be represented.

The delegation will go on a special car and ask an appropriation from Congress for damming the Youghiogheny river from McKeesport to West Newton.

Dr. J. P. Blackburn, chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the McKeesport Chamber of Commerce, spoke last night at a meeting of McKeesport citizens, urging the importance of the river improvement project.

May Die of Injuries.

J. Uriah Gans is in a dying condition at the home of Christian Eberhard, in Uniontown. Mr. Gans was injured six weeks ago at the Franklin Coke Company's works, near Tippecanoe, where he was assistant superintendent, by having his right leg squeezed between two pit wagons.

A Quiet Wedding.

Hixon Sprint of Dawson, and Miss Mary Seefelt, a well known young lady of Broad Ford, were married last Thursday at 5 o'clock at the Trinity Lutheran parsonage on Vine street. Rev. E. B. Burgess, the pastor officiated.

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NORMALVILLE.

NORMALVILLE, Dec. 21.—Candidates for coming to the surface.

The Odd Fellows will banquet in their hall New Year's evening. A couple of shooting matches are scheduled for the present week. Some of our young men attended a dance at North Hill, near the Baptist Church 8 Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dickson were in Conneltsville Friday. Rev. Baker preached in the U. B. Church Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. William P. Whipple were Conneltsville shoppers Saturday.

The new bridge is completed. The next move is for the supervisors to put up the approaches and then the public can use the new structure. John H. Fowler, an ex-convict at Washington, the county home of Allegheny county, is visiting his parents near Rogers Mills.

Calvin Conn and Miss Shaw (daughter of Rev. Roger Mills) have taken a marriage license. Mr. Conn is an employee of the McDaniel Lumber Company.

A rice crowd from here attended the lateholder sale Saturday near Gilmor's Mills. Donald B. Brooks, a medical student, is being treated for the flu by vaccination. Lloyd Monahan of Conneltsville, visited his parents over Sunday.

William H. Hix moved to the property he has purchased at an address on the west side, situated on Poplar street. Oliver V. Froese, a medical student attending school at Baltimore, is home to spend his holiday vacation.

Charlotte Grimm, the 11-year-old daughter of Daniel H. Grimm, died at the home of her father Saturday morning from epidemic fever. The funeral occurred Monday. Interment on the farm of Levi Grimm.

Maud and Maude Mountain, daughter and son of James D. Mountain, left Saturday for Austin Texas, where they go for the young man's health. The young lady will return some time in the spring but the young man will remain.

Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Brinker visited friends in Pittsburgh Saturday and Sunday.

FAYETTE COUNTY COURT RECORDS.

Deeds Recorded.

Simon P. Hager to William C. Hager, for 100 acres in Wharton township, \$3,000, July 27, 1909.
George W. Swiney to Samuel P. Moser, for property in Georges township, \$1,450, February 12, 1909.
Frank H. Hix to George W. Hix and Lucinda Goodwin to Little C. Moser, for 38 acres in Georges township, \$3,277, April 4, 1907.
Thomas P. Eberhard to Earl Cleveland Sherrick, for property in Conneltsville, \$5,500, November 24, 1909.
Daniel Sturgeon to Fayette City Real Estate Company, for lot in South Union township, \$3, December 22, 1909.

DUQUESNE ANNULLED SATURDAY

Snow Caused Inconvenience on the West Penn System—Sleighing Saturday and Sunday Was Indulged in by Many—B. & O.'s Good Record.

Christmas this year was a white one for the worst snow storm, the first real one in fact, began falling Friday night and by Saturday morning a white mantle enveloped the region. The snow continued falling throughout both Saturday and Sunday. Although the snow which fell Christmas afternoon was almost a rain, owing to the moderate temperature, the mercury kept dropping late in the afternoon and by night it was bitter cold. The storm was general and reports from all sections of the country show that there was a heavy fall of snow. In the eastern part of the State 18 inches of snow are reported to have fallen. In this vicinity the heaviest snow in the mountains was seven or eight inches.

Trains on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad were delayed for hours Christmas morning on account of the storm in the east. There was also trouble in the west. Between New York and Washington the storm was most severe. Nearly all the westbound trains on Christmas day were made up in Baltimore and Washington. The Lehigh Valley Limited Saturday was annulled because this train from the east was so much behind time that it lost its rights.

In spite of the heaviest snow of the season on the Conneltsville division and it was especially bad in the mountains east of here, the trains were handled with but slight delays. Trains that left Cumberland made practically schedule time to Conneltsville. There was considerable trouble experienced by snow clogging the switches and signal apparatus, but the section hands were kept at work clearing the track in this way it was possible to operate trains with little delay.

There was lots of sleighing Saturday and yesterday. Everybody who had a horse and sleigh were out enjoying the rare opportunity for this greatest of recreations. The heavy sleighs were beset with orders for sleighs and the supply was not equal to the demand.

South Pittsburgh street was turned into a boulevard yesterday afternoon and the making of the sleigh bells continued until late at night. There is every prospect of a week of sleighing during the holidays unless a thaw comes along and melts the snow.

Fayette City Real Estate Company to Freedom Oil Company, for lot in South Union township, \$422, December 22, 1909.
Daniel Sturgeon to Freedom Oil Company, for lot in South Union township, \$422, December 22, 1909.
Joseph Strider to Margaret D. Hix, for one-half interest in South Union township, \$1,500, December 22, 1909.
Robert D. McCann and wife to Charles Hix, for 1 1/2 acres land in South Union township, \$1, November 28, 1909.
Francis Emery and wife to Francis Hix, for one acre and 1/2 in Freedom township, \$1,000, December 21, 1909.

J. A. Glick and wife to C. F. Reeves, for 100 acres in Freedom township, \$2,750, December 12, 1909.
David P. Hix, trustee, to Ash P. Williams, for half a lot in North Union township, \$20, December 20, 1909.
Emma Conn, of Fayette county, to Mrs. Lachlan H. Hix, for lot in South Union township, \$200, January 17, 1909.

John Hix and wife to Fayette City Real Estate Company, for lot in Freedom township, for property in Fayette City, \$3,000, November 20, 1909.
Fayette City Real Estate & Improvement Company, to C. F. Reeves, for lot in Freedom township, \$1,500, June 2, 1908.
Jefferson Land Company to Sophia Hix, for two lots in Freedom township, \$250, December 11, 1909.
Charles W. Mark to K. C. Gorman, a wheel, for lot in Freedom township, \$175, October 17, 1909.
J. A. Glick and wife to David P. Hix, for lot in New Salem, \$3,000, December 29, 1909.

R. E. Sevier and wife to Ohio Sevier for land in Perryopolis, \$1,400, December 15, 1909.
Connellsville Steam Laundry Company to F. O. Gorman, for lot in Conneltsville, \$1,750, December 1, 1909.
Steve Frankforter to James Ash, for land in Conneltsville, \$975, December 20, 1909.

Connellsville Land Company to Thomas R. Shumberger, for lot in Georges township, \$147, February 19, 1909.
Sally Long to James H. Hall, for 17 acres in Stewart township, \$295, November 12, 1909.
Clarence R. Patterson and Annie Patterson to Groves H. Moore and Ella Moore, for three lots in Fairbance, \$1,475, December 11, 1909.
Paul A. Schell to Ralph Hickman, for lot in Uniontown, \$2,000, October 29, 1909.

Abraham C. Pouch to E. W. Miller, for lot in Uniontown, \$1, November 11, 1909.
Marriage licenses.
James Huntley of Gans, and Sarah C. Gans of Great Haven.
William H. Harper of Slack and Lauretta Christ of Perryopolis.
Elmer T. Lutz of Conneltsville, and Mary J. Treaster of Somerset.
Stephen Gans and Liza Miller, both of Yates Mills.
Chalmers M. Taylor and Stella A. Popper, both of Conneltsville.

George Emerson of Conneltsville, and Carrie E. Emerson of R. Igh.
William H. Smith of Scudate, and N. E. Emerson of Perryopolis.
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Several Coal Works Have Had to Shut Down for the Present Owing to the Scarcity of Cars.

CUSTOMER TRADE HERE SUFFERS

Demand For Coal Exceeds the Present Supply and Consumers May Suffer if the Situation is Not Quickly Remedied.

Owing to a shortage of both cars and motive power on the Connellsville division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad a serious coal shortage is being experienced. Inability to secure sufficient cars has caused several works, especially along the Fairmount branch, to suspend operations.

Unless the situation changes materially during the next few days there is serious danger of a coal famine in Connellsville. Custom dealers who depend upon mines out of town for their supply are at the wits' end attempting to meet the ever increasing demand for coal. If the cold weather continues, suffering is likely to result.

Although there has been a shortage of cars for some weeks past, the situation only became serious of late. Scores of wagons drove to the Baltimore & Ohio freight depot yesterday and today expecting to find several cars of coal being unloaded. To their surprise there wasn't a single car on the siding.

The shortage of cars is not the only trouble the Baltimore & Ohio is having at this time. There is also a shortage of motive power. An official of the road is quoted as saying that for the past day or two practically all efforts to move slow freight have been abandoned in order that the passenger and through freights can be rushed through. The rush of Christmas traffic has made it imperative that these trains be given the right of way over all others.

A BIG COAL LAND DEAL IS CLOSED UP

Pittsburghers Take Over West Virginia Properties For Consideration of \$3,350,000.

Announcement was made Wednesday morning that the property of the Georges Creek Coal & Iron Company of Baltimore, Md., consisting of 10,000 acres of coal with complete mine establishment, including 100 steel coal cars and 100 coke ovens in the Fairmount West Virginia district, has been sold to the Connellsville Coal & Coke Company of Pittsburgh for \$3,350,000. The deal is the largest ever made in West Virginia and was made in the presence of the Baltimore and West Virginia representatives and the Pittsburgh representatives which have taken over the property and will develop it as soon as the titles are proved which is expected to be about the middle of January.

The Connellsville company is the largest of the present year owned 100 acres of coal in the Greensburg district will have coking plants and about 1,400 ovens. Since the first of the year this company has been buying properties in the Fairmount field until it secured some 600 acres adjoining the Georges Creek property which has just been taken over. The Connellsville company has been developing the properties as they have been secured.

JOINING MILLIONS IN A COKE MERGER

Interest in Fayette County Bought Under One Control With Heavy Capital.

Announcement was made Wednesday morning that the interests controlling the Fayette County Coal & Coke Company, Fayette County, Pa., and the Dimmock of Philadelphia and other capitalists are back of the deal as stated previously in the Courier several days ago.

Mr. Focke and the interested with him have taken over the company in addition to purchasing tracts direct from farmers and other holders in Fayette county and combined them under one head. It is expected to make other purchases soon and on other plots with no end in sight.

The holdings now include those of the Sunning Coal & Coke Company with 750 coke ovens. The plans are ready for building in a month.

It is understood the holdings are valued at \$1,000,000 not including the mines and ovens now in operation and mining and other machinery equipment valued at \$500,000 making the total value of the holdings \$1,500,000.

ON DIVIDEND BASIS

Decision of Directors of the Pittsburgh Coal Company.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 29.—The directors of the Pittsburgh Coal Company have decided to place the preferred stock on a dividend basis. The official announcement will be made in time for the payment of the rate agreed upon early next year. It was also decided to issue a complete and comprehensive statement to the stockholders showing the real condition of the corporation.

The meeting was held yesterday afternoon at a cordial, if somewhat noisy, session. The various matters concerning the corporation were gone over and it was decided that it is in position to pay a dividend without impairing in any way its financial condition. The company has paid of its floating debt and now owes nothing more than the bills necessary to carry on the business of a corporation of its magnitude. It is steadily reducing its bonded indebtedness while its earnings are increasing. Its properties are in excellent condition and the earning power is such as to meet the demands of the market.

ANOTHER GARY PLANT

Sheet and Tin Plate Company to Add 2,000 Employees to Population.

GARY, Ind. Dec. 18.—Gary is to have another big steel plant which will represent an outlay of \$4,500,000. The latest addition to the city's mill district is the works of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, a subsidiary company of the United States Steel Corporation. The building plans were made public here today. The completed plant will employ 2,000 skilled laborers.

This is the seventeenth subsidiary company of the steel corporation which has located a plant at Gary. When the various plants are completed they will furnish employment to 50,000 men.

TO DIVIDE MILLIONS AMONG EMPLOYEES

United States Steel Corporation's Bonus Double the Amount Originally Reported.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—More than \$2,000,000 will be distributed by the United States Steel Corporation as a bonus to its officers and employees, 10 per cent of which will be in cash according to the official announcement of Chairman Gary.

The bonus was first announced as \$1,000,000 but Chairman Gary corrected this in his official announcement today in which he said: "The amount is determined as usual by the annual earnings. This time distributed for 1909 amounts to a total of \$2,000,000. This will be paid 10 per cent in cash and 90 per cent in preferred stock at 100 per share. The balance of the bonus will be paid in accordance with the wishes of the recipients so far as practicable and convenient. Also the usual opportunity will be given to subscribe for 1,000 shares of the preferred stock of the corporation at 100 upon the usual conditions."

WILL EXTEND ROAD INTO WEST VIRGINIA

Lake Erie Officials Talk Encouragingly of Extension of the Monongahela Line.

That the Monongahela railroad will be extended westward to the Lake Erie coast is a subject which has been discussed recently by a number of persons interested in it. The Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company, which is now in the hands of the Erie Railroad Company, is the owner of the line from the mouth of the Monongahela river to the Lake Erie coast. The company is now in the hands of the Erie Railroad Company, which is now in the hands of the Erie Railroad Company. The company is now in the hands of the Erie Railroad Company, which is now in the hands of the Erie Railroad Company.

WHARTON OVENS CLOSED DOWN FOR LACK OF COAL

Twenty-four Ovens Have Been Put in Idle List—Five Cars of Coal Being Shipped Daily.

SMITHFIELD, Dec. 29.—The Wharton Coal Company are running their works at Smithfield, Pa., on an account of the coal being exhausted in their holdings here. They put 24 ovens on the idle list. The men thrown out of employment have no trouble to get jobs elsewhere. Several have secured jobs with the Pennsylvania Coal Company here. Out of 50 ovens originally operated only 24 are now in blast. The company still holds from three to five cars of raw coal per day.

MAKES POOR HOLDINGS

Proposition Put Up to Pittsburgh Coal Company Stockholders.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 29.—Shareholders of the Pittsburgh Coal Company will have a meeting in the city tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a proposition put up by the company to purchase the holdings of the Pittsburgh Coal Company. The proposition is that the company should purchase the holdings of the Pittsburgh Coal Company for \$1,000,000. The shareholders will have a vote on the proposition.

Pension Bill

Congressman W. H. Wilson of Pennsylvania formerly Secretary of the United Mine Workers of America has introduced an old age pension bill which provides for the payment of an annuity to all men of sixty and over who have been employed in the coal mines for at least ten years. The bill has received the endorsement of the American Federation of Labor but it has little chance of becoming a law. If it did it would bankrupt even so wealthy a people as inhabit the United States.

Another Institute

A class in coal mining has been organized at Fairmont, Pa., under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Mining Institute. Arrangements were made for classes in mathematics and a class was organized well for the purpose of teaching the English language.

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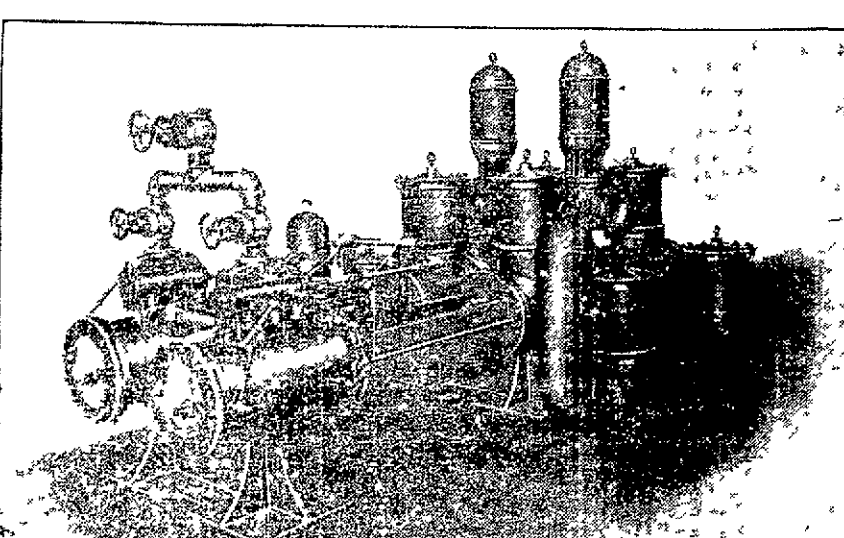
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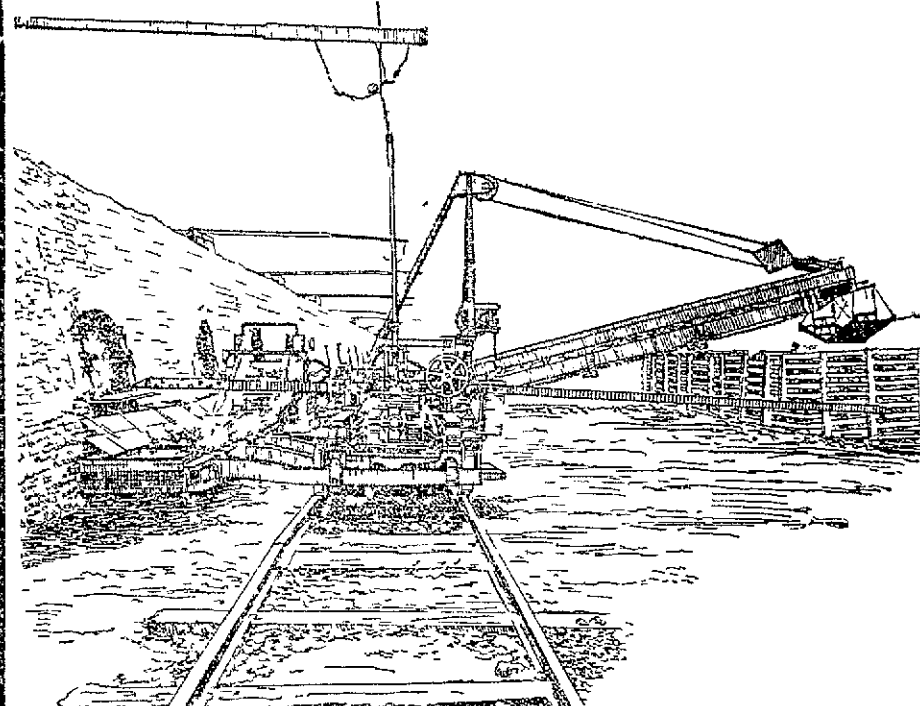
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